






**3DXpert™ for SOLIDWORKS®**

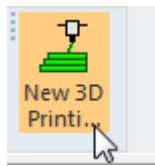
# **CREATE PROJECT**

## **Edit Printer**

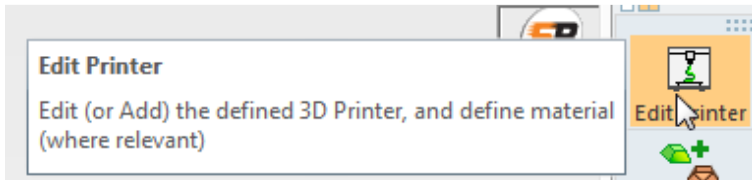
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In this exercise, we will learn how to edit the printer

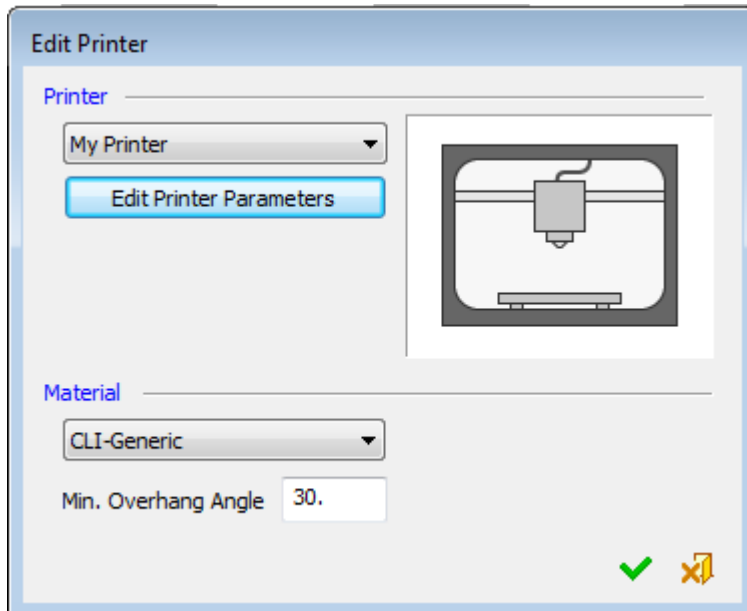
<p>! Notice/ Remember</p>		Left mouse button name is <b>"pick"</b>
		Middle mouse button name is <b>"Exit"</b>
		Right mouse button name is <b>"Click"</b>



1. Open a new 3D printing project
2. Select Edit Printer

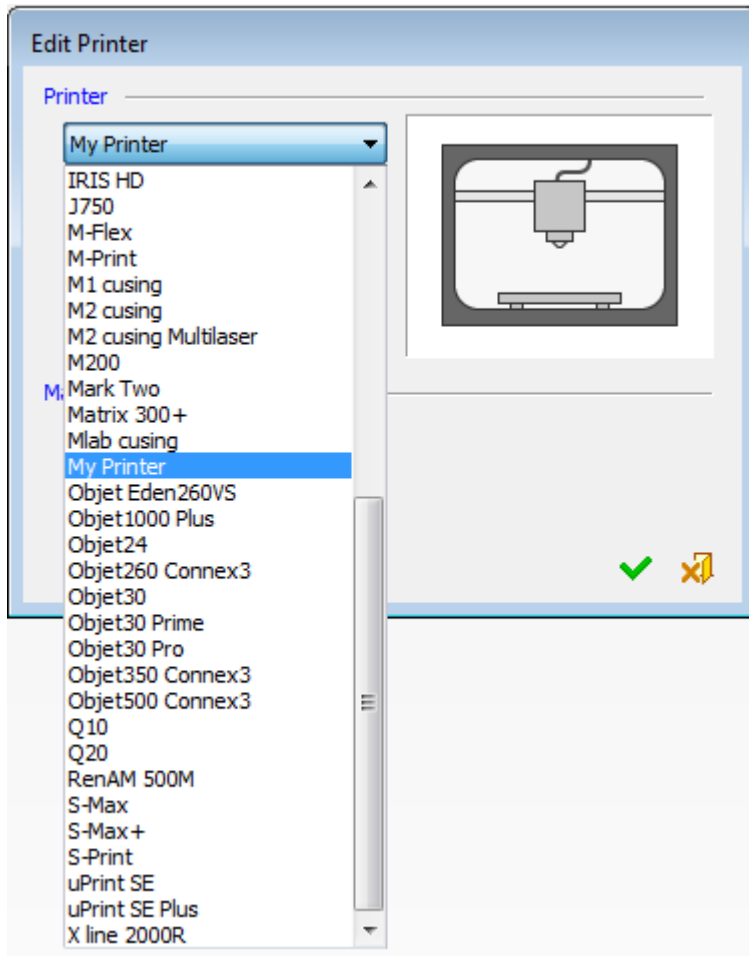


3. In the dialog below we define the following:



## Printer

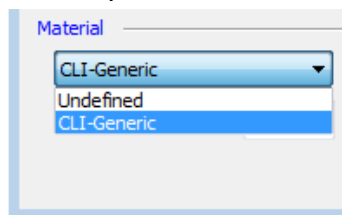
Select the printer from a drop down list of available printers



## Material

The list shows only the materials that are relevant for the selected printer

The definition of material is essential, as without a material it is not possible to load\set a matching Build Style. 'Undefined' material means that Technologies will not be available later on.



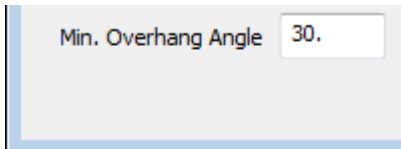
**Min Overhang Angle**

During positioning of the part, the system runs a down faces analysis

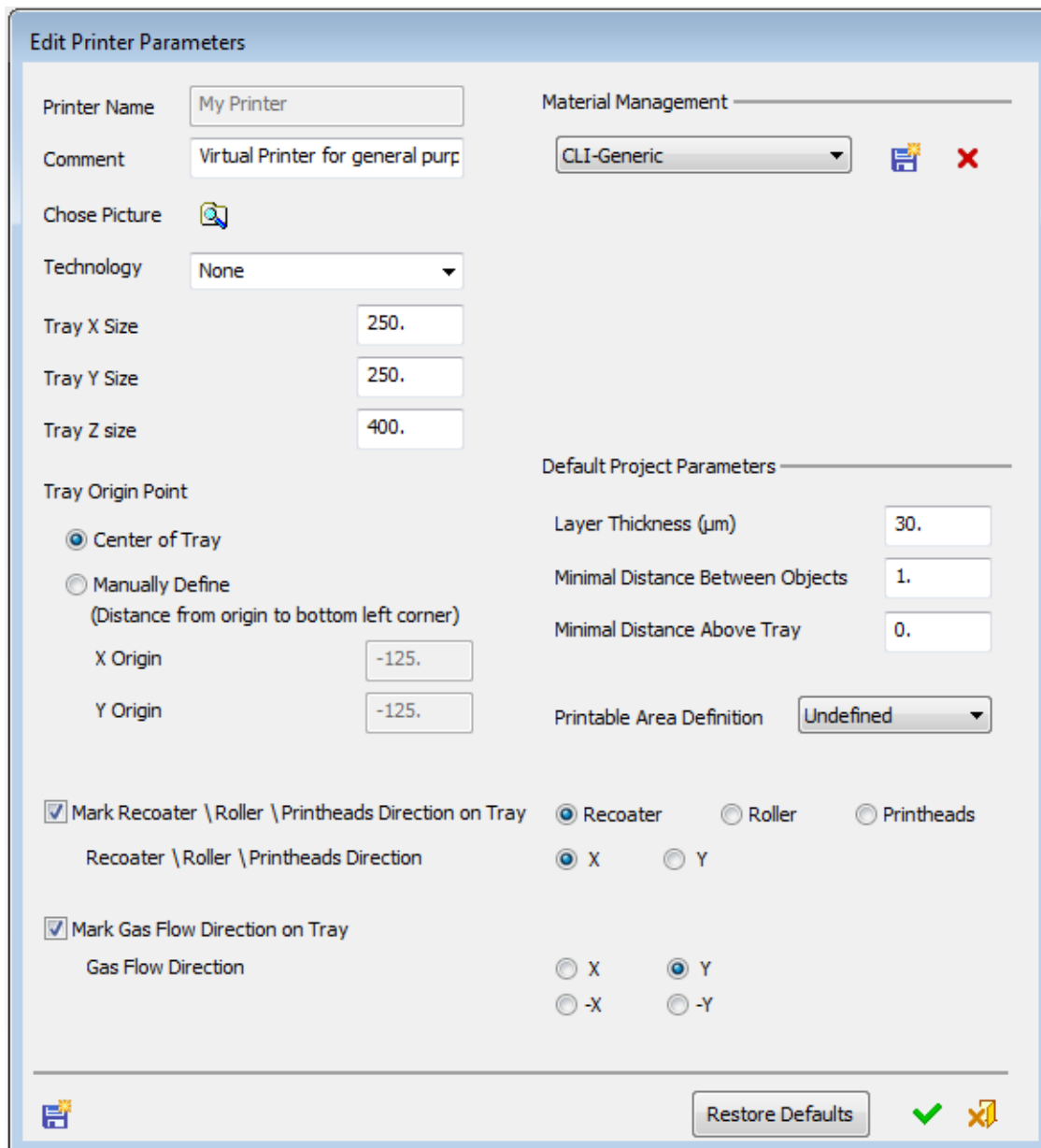
The down faces analysis is a visual analysis tool, based on the defined Overhang Angle.

See that some the part’s faces are colored in yellow or in red. These are the down facing areas (or, in other words. faces that ‘see’ powder below).

The value of the angle is taken from the printer parameters dialog, and can be changed in the positioning tool or in the support manager



4. Select ‘Edit Printer Parameters’



Following is the description of each parameters:

### **Printer Name**

The printer selected in the Edit Printer dialog. This option is grayed out and cannot be changed here.

### **Comment**

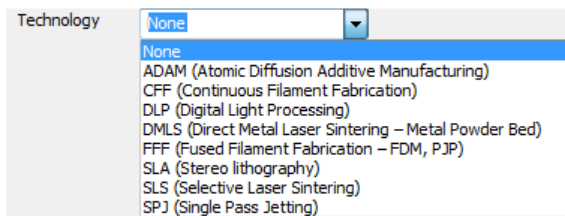
Add a comment regarding the printer, if required.

### **Choose Picture**

Select a picture to represent the printer. Click the browse button to open the browser in the folder of the current printer. You can then select a picture and it will replace the current printer picture or add it with the relevant name if it does not exist.

### **Technology-**

Define a Technology by selecting it from the dropdown list of technology templates for the selected printer. The technology defines the kind of additive manufacturing process that will be used to create the required object.



The following technologies are available:

Note that the naming convention is *Technology Short Name (Technology Full Name)*:

#### **None**

No technology.

#### **ADAM**

Atomic Diffusion Additive Manufacturing (Markforged Metal).

This technology uses metal powders encased in plastic binders. Heating removes the plastic and the metal powder is sintered into a design, layer by layer. The sintering provides metal crystal growth through the bonded layers to increase structural durability.

#### **CFF**

Continuous Filament Fabrication (Markforged Polymers).

This technology is similar to that of FFF, as parts are built by fusing two-dimensional slices on top of each other.

#### **DLP**

Digital Light Processing.

This technology is similar to SLA in that it uses a light source to solidify a photopolymer resin layer by layer into a solid object. The difference is that instead of an ultraviolet laser to cure the photopolymer resin, a safelight (light bulb) is used.

## **DMLS**

Direct Metal Laser Sintering – Metal Powder Bed.

This technology uses lasers to melt ultra-thin layers of metal powder, layer by layer to create a solid object.

## **FFF**

Fused Filament Fabrication.

This technology extrudes a filament of molten material to form layers as the material hardens immediately after extrusion from the nozzle. Each layer fuses with the previous to create a solid object.

A filament is a thread or string of material fed into a 3D printer and extruded for fabrication.

This technology is also known as:

Fused Deposition Modeling - FDM

Plastic Jet Printing - PJP

Fused Filament Modeling - FFM

Melted and Extruded Modeling - MEM

## **SLA**

Stereolithography.

This technology uses an ultraviolet laser to solidify a photopolymer resin layer by layer into a solid object.

## **SLS**

Selective Laser Sintering.

This technology uses a laser to bind photosensitive powdered material by melting or sintering it together layer by layer to create a solid object.

## **SPJ**

Single Pass Jetting (Desktop Metal).

This technology uses multiple jets (printheads) to dispense droplets of a photopolymer material that solidifies under ultraviolet light, layer by layer to create a solid object. The jets work in conjunction with powder spreaders to spread powder and print in a single quick pass across the build area.

These technology templates are stored under the following folder:

...\ProgramData\3D Systems\3DXpert Standard\13.0\Data\3D\_Printing\Templates\Technologies\

### Tray X, Y,Z Size

Define the XYZ size of the 3D printing tray

Tray X Size	275.
Tray Y Size	275.
Tray Z size	420.

### Tray Origin Point

Define the origin point of the printing tray

Either by selecting the default Center of Tray option, or by Manually Defining the center

Tray Origin Point

Center of Tray

Manually Define  
(Distance from origin to bottom left corner)

X Origin

Y Origin

### Mark Recoater / Roller / Printheads Direction on Tray

Select the method of applying material; recoater blade, roller or printheads.

Mark Recoater \ Roller \ Printheads Direction on Tray

Recoater \ Roller \ Printheads Direction

Recoater    Roller    Printheads

X    Y

The recoater/roller moves across the tray to produce a very flat layer of powder which will be the basis for the part to be built. After each laser scan (layer built), the recoater/roller moves across to deposit more powder, and the process is repeated until the part is produced.

The printheads are jets which dispense droplets of a photopolymer material that solidifies under ultraviolet light.

### Mark Gas Flow Direction on Tray

Set the gas flow direction

Mark Gas Flow Direction on Tray

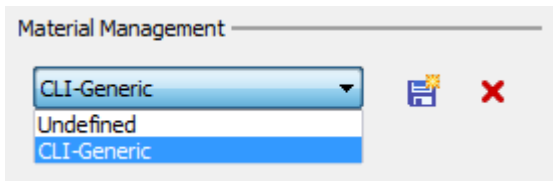
Gas Flow Direction

X    Y

-X    -Y

## Material Management

Set a material by selecting it from the dropdown list of materials for the selected printer. The currently defined material (set in the Edit Printer dialog) is automatically selected.



Copy as New Material- Copy the material's folder under the printer folder



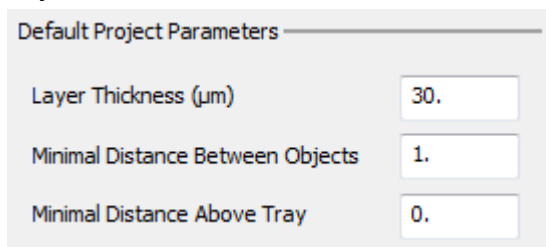
Delete Material: Delete the existing material's folder under the printer folder

## Default Project Parameters

**Default Layer Thickness (µm)** - This is the default value. It will be used for the Print Estimation and also the slicer (for this printer). The default is 30.

**Minimal distance between objects** - Set the minimum distance between objects, if multiple objects are placed on the printing tray.

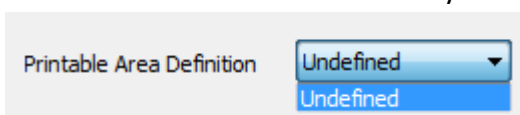
**Minimal distance above tray** - Set the minimum distance above the printing tray for the placement of objects



## Printable Area

Define the printable area for the selected printer. This sets the area on the tray where printing is allowed. If several area definitions are available in the dropdown list, select one of the configurations of the printer.

Note: Printable area definition is currently not set for the available printers.

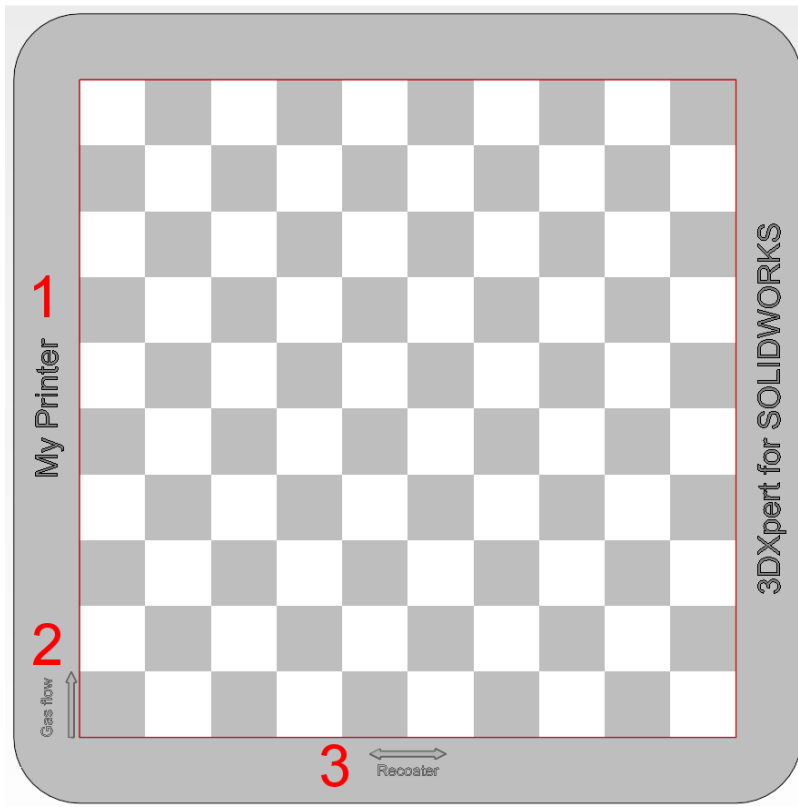




Once you set the parameters for your printer, some of the parameters defined for the printer are displayed on the tray.

The data presented on the tray is as follows:

1. Printer type (defined in the Edit Printer function).
2. Gas Flow direction (defined in the Edit Printer Parameters dialog).
3. Recoater/Roller/Printheads direction (defined in the Edit Printer Parameters dialog).



End of Exercise.